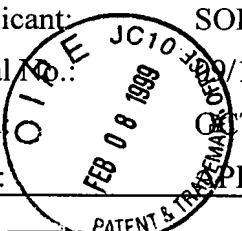


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed November 6, 1998, said period of response being extended from January 6, 1999 to February 6, 1999.

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

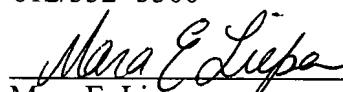
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